

City of Milpitas
Unapproved Minutes
Telecommunications Commission
August 15, 2005

I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Telecommunications Commission Vice Chair Niranjn Gupta called the meeting to order.

Members Present

N. Gupta, G. Ali-Santosa, P. Peterson V.Mathur, A. Ettinger, D. Gupta, S. K. Bansal Alt 1,

I.S. Staff: A. Rich, E. Pasion

Members Absent: A. Alcorn, W. Lam, I. Munir, S.A.A. Bilgrami Alt 2

City Council: A. Gomez

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The members of the Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Announcements:

Staff noted that CIO Bill Marion is on vacation and GIS Manager Alan Rich will substituting on his behalf.

Staff also reported for the record that Milpitas cable customer Lori Stholler of 495 Heath Street, wanted to voice her displeasure of the city approving the current cable franchise with Comcast and allowing the addition of foreign language channels to cable channel line up. She feels that she is already paying too much for the cable service already that does not provide enough variety for her viewing.

Staff also noted that the date on the current agenda was incorrect. It should be August 15 not July 18. A revise was made on the city's website and posted on the public notice board.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda.

M/S P. Peterson / D. Gupta Ayes: 7

**V. Approval of the Minutes
July 18, 2005**

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

M/S D. Gupta / S. K. Bansal Ayes: 7

VI. Citizen's Forum

No comments made for the record.

VII. Continued-New Business:

1. P.E.G. Access Subcommittee Report

Commissioner D. Gupta reported that no subcommittee meeting was conducted in July or August due to lack of participation. He suggested that subcommittee allow for more involvement from other members.

Commissioners Aaron Ettinger and Gunawan Ali-Santosa have agreed to participate on the subcommittee. Commissioner Vishnu Mathur has requested to be removed from the subcommittee. The subcommittee will need to work on drafting recommendations on the future PEG access channel implementation. Comcast will need direction from the City in order to proceed on this funding the of the PEG channel studio development.

Commissioner D. Gupta noted he would be working with staff on a room to hold the subcommittee's planning meeting.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S P. Peterson / G. Ali-Santosa Ayes: 7

2. July 2005 I.S. Monthly Report

Alan Rich, GIS Manager of Information Services, reported on the highlights of the Information Services Department for the month of July. Highlights included training of elected officials on the online events calendar program as part of the open government ordinance. Staff provided photographs of the new police and fire dispatch center for 911 Magazine. The city's wireless data network also made news in the Alameda Newspaper Group's various papers. IS department staff is also working on installing wireless equipment at the new public work yard on north McCarthy Boulevard.

Mr. Rich provided a summary of the new GIS mapping project allowing users to access grid maps of the city in PDF documents. The maps are also being developed for a future public access project on the city's web site.

Commissioners D. Gupta was concerned that security measures relating to the individual properties were not considered for the project. He added that the information could be used for the wrong reasons. Staff noted that the mapping information being developed is not the source that could be accessed on the Internet. Google provides similar map information that could be used for whatever reason. Mr. Rich added that the Santa Clara County will also be rolling out a similar GIS data-mapping project to be made for public access.

The Commissioners thought it would be prudent that more planning should be taken and that a policy be developed addressing the security measures involving the GIS mapping project for public access.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S V. Mathur / D. Gupta Ayes: 7

3. Report on HDTV Technology

The Commission recommended to continue the item to the next meeting in September.

M/S V. Mathur / D. Gupta Ayes: 7

4. Round Table Discussion

Commissioner D. Gupta noted that the Milpitas Post did do two newspaper articles on the department's wireless data network and as well as the public safety data network. The articles provided more details and information than what was published in the other newspapers presented earlier in the evening.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting

The Commission adjourned to its next meeting of September 19, 2005.

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